

Main Street Reisterstown Program

Minutes

Location/Date: Reter's Crabhouse, Reisterstown - June 3, 2013

Attendees: Amy Mantay, Mary Molinaro, Brad Reter, Colleen Brady, Kinsey Gill, Pat Brooks, Kathy Gambrell, Dan Carey, J T Noyes, Michelle Sholund, Shirley Smith, Ernie Schmidhauser, Officer Willis, Dave Kirby, Jennifer Cook, Tony Baysmore, Stephanie Boston

Amy started the meeting introducing Dave Kirby from code enforcement who came back to give a report about Main Street issues. He discussed 218 Main Street where Handyman on Call has a business. He posted a notice today advising him that he cannot store construction vehicles on the property. He said there are many departments currently looking at this property (Zoning, Planning, Building Inspectors, Code Enforcement, Historic, and Sediment Control). He found that sediment control cited them in January for the damage to the cemetery wall. He said that the fence is allowed and they pulled a permit for that installation. He said this property is part of the National Register District so not under the county control for style of building. He said there were permits on record for electrical and plumbing work but nothing about building and several people talked about the Development Review Committee meeting which Mary attended and reported that the owner was advised that he could not build on the property. Dave said that Carl Richards did receive the letter from the ROG Coordinating Council about the property and it was passed to Dave to handle. Dave said that he did a preliminary drive up and down Main Street and didn't notice and big violations such as gutters hanging and really thought Main Street was looking nice. There are a couple of abandoned properties which may be a problem with tall grass and we should call when we notice 12" as it takes 15 days after a notice is given to the owner to see if he will cut it before send out subcontractors from the county to cut the grass and it can get very tall before being handled. He was asked to look at a Corvette that is parked next to a property near Bond and Main Street to see if there are tags or it should be cited. He was also asked to look at a property behind 205 Glyndon Drive as that was reported at the Bloomin' ArtFest as becoming a dumping/storage site for construction materials. Pat thanked him for handling the dumping site behind Haul-It-Away and Colleen reported that Haul-It-Away was grateful as well as it wasn't part of the property they are renting and was unsightly.

Amy asked for reports from the committees

Mary said that the **organization committee** has not met since the last time and will meet again in a couple of weeks to continue to work on budget amounts for each committee to prepare a 4 year budget and be ready when we submit it with the Main Street MD application in the future. Once Amy has her meeting with committee chairpeople to discuss their goals for the next several years, they will hopefully be able to put a \$ amount for income and expenses.

She also reported that she along with Colleen accepted the "Top Neighborhood" and "Safest Neighborhood" award for Reisterstown last week from Kevin Kamenetz at a ceremony in Towson. There were several neighborhoods in our area also recognized, Butler, Glyndon, Worthington Park, Owings Mills and Stevenson so congratulations to all. Amy asked where it will be displayed and Mary said she knew Colleen requested a 2nd framed copy which will be hung in the Chamber office and Mary is going to share this one at the ROG Coordinating Council monthly meeting tonight, the Chartley meeting next week and after sharing at the RIA monthly meeting the following week will ask Glenn to hang it in the

Long & Foster entry for all to see. Mary also printed a copy that was displayed in a sign holder at the Clean Up Day and the 1st Farmers Market and it can be done as well at all future Main Street tables.

Amy said that Paul told her the **economic restructuring committee** has not met since the last report was given. They are working on their budget values, outreach efforts, and a sample letter. Amy is working to complete the booklet that will be handed out during the visits.

Amy reported that the **promotion committee** met two weeks ago. They continue working on the outreach and she thanked JT for his efforts getting businesses to participate in the Buy Local program. Michelle said she handed out fliers at the Market Day event and had a lot of people say what a fantastic idea it was. She also had a lot sign up and leave email addresses to get more information. Kinsey said that the Farmers Market was very well attended with everyone commenting that it was “good and fun” and that most vendors had sold out by noon. She’s sure they will come more prepared for big crowds next week.

Jennifer Cook from Fullstride Wellness talked about a 5K Run she is organizing for Saturday, August 24th. It will benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Foundation. Registration will start at 7:30am. She plans to start the race at Reisterstown Shopping Center at 9am going east on Cherry Hill Road, through roads in Country Club and Chartley and then come up Glyndon Drive to Main Street, turn right and run along Main Street until the Food Lion parking lot. She believes Main Street will be closed for no more than 2 hours. She hopes to have vendors and that stores will be opening for people to shop and stroll. They are partnering with Charm City Run which should bring a lot of interest and she will also have a 1 mile “Kids Fun Run.” She will have a map of the exact routes in the future once she receives approval for all the permits from SHA which she hopes to hear about shortly. Today she is just letting us know about what they will be trying to do and it is not ready for the event to be announced yet. Once ready, Amy will put Jennifer’s phone number and email contact information in an email out to everyone. Colleen said that the Chamber is planning to have its Bloomin’ 5K Run back on Main Street next spring. It will be held May 24, 2014.

Amy said that Irwin told her the **design committee** had a meeting last week with SHA district office personnel. They discussed the SHA effort with Main Street and were told their responsibility was to the curb. They do street sweeping every 4 to 6 weeks and did one after our May Clean-Up Day; so, we don’t need to worry about cleaning along the street. As far as weeds in the bricks or the need to repair them, that is the job of the County. Amy will check with the county department that would manage that and report at a future meeting. Improvements with respect to traffic safety and pedestrian walkways are still being studied by SHA and we will hear in the future. They are very excited about our efforts to clean Main Street. They will also look at the group which is listed in the “Adopt-A-Road” program to see if they are still doing it and for which part of the road. We can then see if other blocks can be adopted. Amy will look for the contact person at the MTA who would be able to help us with keeping the bus stops cleaner and report back at a future meeting on that as well.

Kinsey gave the report for the **clean, safe, and green committee** meeting this morning. Last Saturday involved 5 volunteers mostly from our Monday morning group. They collected about 8 bags of trash which showed much improvement over the first time when a dumpster was filled. They decided to eliminate the July Clean-Up Day since it falls on the July 4th weekend celebration and many people may be away on vacation leaving us again with just few volunteers. They will have the August 3rd Clean Up Day and start it an hour earlier (9am-11am) due to the heat. They have decided to walk in the parade, maybe last in line and clean the roadway as they walk so we will have a Clean-Up event Saturday, September 7th. They decided to continue in October and November on the 1st Saturday. As far as crime, Officer Willis reported theft of a candy bar by a teenager at WAWA and one domestic violence issue so

we have been doing quite well. Tony asked Dan if he got the application to put in the dogwood trees. Dan said he did; however, they will probably be planted in the fall now due to the heat.

Tony also said he was asked to report that Delegate Adrienne Jones and Councilwoman Vicki Almond are both very connected and interested in our progress and while they couldn't attend today will be at future meetings.

Summer events

Clean-ups –July 6th , 10am - noon. Per report above in Clean, Safe & Green this date will be canceled due to the holiday weekend and the next one will occur August 3rd from 9am-11am due to heat.

Will be held on the first Saturday of the month (August 3).

Meet at Reter's Crabhouse

The Gathering – Pending - still in discussion but nothing established yet.

Music on Main Street –June 21st – August 23rd 7- 9:30pm

Lawn at Franklin Middle School – Kathy reported that she and Dan are also co-chairing the program. When asked about having vendors and food, she said they will be having both and still looking to settle that. Discussion continued about Main Street having a booth and selling water bottles and sodas at the event.

Farmers Market –Sundays, June 2nd to October 6th 10am-2pm

358-360 Main Street . See report above under the Promotion Committee section.

Calendar of Events/Promotions

Merchant outreach

Promotions Committee

Buy Local Campaign

Facebook/website (on-going)

Over 320 friends view our Facebook posts!

The next meeting will be held at Reter's Crabhouse, Monday, June 17, 2013 at 10am.